

EXTENDED SORTING MACHINE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sortation assembly for sorting articles includes first and second substantially straight sections and a curved section between the first and second straight sections. The
5 sortation assembly includes a plurality of chutes that are movable along the first and second straight sections and the curved section in a continuous loop. Each of the straight sections includes a plurality of sort stations along at least one side. The chutes are movable along and over the sort stations of both straight sections and are operable to deposit articles to bins or trays positioned at the sort stations. The curved connecting section guides the chutes between
10 the first and second straight sections, which may be arranged at an angle relative to one another.